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# UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Appropriations  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Marrakech Lunar Drive Renovation in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Marrakech Inc., located at 6 Lunar Drive, Woodbridge, CT 06525.

The \$3 million Marrakech is requesting in funding would revive Marrakech's main office that houses the administrative and program support functions that are essential to quality service delivery. In doing so, the project will also address what some may consider to be a blighted building. This project will not only impact the persons supported, their families and the many employees who work in or frequent the building, but will also impact the community around it as we improve the condition of the building. Therefore, more than 2,000 people will be positively affected by this project.

Over the years, Marrakech has invested in and received grant funds for the dedicated programs spaces we operate. But funding for the renovation on this building has not been available. As an organization primarily funded through state contracts, contracts which have not received a COLA on the business line items since 2007, we cannot do this project without some type of financial assistance. The lack of funding for this project combined with the age and extensive use of the property has resulted in what many may now consider blighted conditions. Renovating this building will not only improve the community but will also improve the experience of the people they support, their families, and the many employees who work in and frequent this building each day.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(1).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro".

Rosa L. DeLauro  
Member of Congress